Employment of youth and unskilled workers

1081. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding various schemes to provide employment to unskilled workers in urban areas;

(b) the actions that are proposed to provide employment to educated youth in urban areas;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that job opportunities in Central Government offices and Public Sector Undertakings have decreased on account of contract system and out-sourcing by Government; and

(d) whether Central Government can agree to exploitation of workers and employees in the same factory or projects in the name of regular and those employed by contractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the Urban Poor and providing employment opportunities to the Urban poor, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997. The Scheme is funded in proportion of 75:25 between Centre and the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through encouraging the setting up of Self-employment ventures by the urban poor and also through provision of wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

As the Ministry's employment generation scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is more focused at providing self-employment opportunities to the urban poor living below the poverty line, the issue of contract system or outsourcing does not arise under these employment programmes.